

The Bright Road

Folk
180

Words and Music
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Em Em C C

D D Em Em

Climb-

9a Em Em C
ing up Mt. His - tor - y Through the clouds and rain

Em Em D D
Seems like ages that I've had to roam

Em Em Am Am
Push a - head then trip and fall then get back up a - gain

Em Em B7 B7
Look - ing for the way that leads back home Looking

25b Em Em C C
for the Bright Road Bright

D D Em Em

Road 32a

Em Em Em Em

Two roads diverged deep in the woods

C C Em Em

and I heard the poet say Which one you choose makes all the differ-

D D Em Em

41a ence 43a But when a flower 44a greets the sun

Am Am Em Em

It can only bloom one way And it's not a matter 48a of co - in - ci

B7 B7 Em Em

dence Bright Road

C C D D

Em Em Am 1st Chorus Am

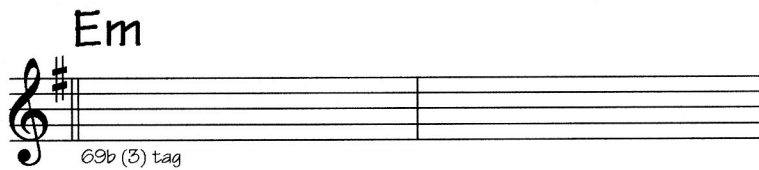
Road One road prom - ised me de - lights

Em Em Am Am

the oth - er mis - er - y 63a But nei-ther of those roads were bright

C C B7 B7

So they led to the same des - ti - ny tag-> 3X



Verse 3

Trying to find a shortcut home, I crossed a living stream
But I slipped and fell while stepping on a stone
My wish to rise above it all seemed like a hollow dream
The icy water soaked me to the bone
Bright Road
Bright Road

Verse 4

The current took me down and down, it didn't help to swim
I felt anger, pride and jealousy and greed
The worldly pleasures I indulged on every passing whim
And I strove against my brothers to succeed
Looking for the Bright Road
Bright Road

2nd Chorus

The more I struggled to get free
The tighter were my chains
The way home kept eluding me
The more I sought to gain

Verse 5

The sun had gone down in the West, I sat down and cried
I realized I'd never be released
From the mess I made by doing things without a proper guide
Then a golden beam of light came from the East
Showing me the Bright Road
Bright Road

Verse 6

The Road to Life stretched out for miles, I wiped away the tears
It was smooth and straight but narrow as a thread
It was always right before my eyes, all those painful years
I couldn't see it for the notions in my head
Bright Road
Bright Road

3rd Chorus

Every road I thought was bright
Had a dark side too
Everything I thought was right
Turned out was just half true

Verse 7

Once you find the way back home no matter what transpires
Keep walking on that road and do not stray
Be truthful, kind and tolerant, restrain selfish desires
And choose a noble road in this great play
Bright Road
Bright Road